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Applicants: James Arthur SMITH, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1771 Examiner: Juska, C. A.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment

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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.